

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/736,266 Confirmation No: 3842  
Applicant: Michael J. Rutter  
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Title: **TRACHEOTOMY VALVE UNIT**  
Art Unit: 3743  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 03/17/2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Amendment is the fee of \$395.00 for a Request for Continued Examination, as set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). No additional fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.